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**Joint Concert by Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra and Philharmonia
Features Music by Grieg, Tchaikovsky, Bruch, Smetana, and Verdi and
Selections from *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Superman*, and *Lord of the Rings*
*February 13 concert in Hochstein Performance Hall***

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— On **Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 2:00 pm** in Hochstein Performance Hall, the **Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO)**, directed by Casey Springstead, and **Hochstein Philharmonia Orchestra (HPO)**, directed by John Fetter and Matt Osika, perform a joint winter concert. **See below for a calendar listing for upcoming Hochstein events.**

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In the first half of the concert, HPO performs Giuseppe Verdi's rousing Overture to *Nabucco*; a suite of music from Howard Shore's award-winning score to Peter Jackson's 2001 film *Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*; and three movements from Edvard Grieg's evocative Suite No. 1 from *Peer Gynt*, including the well-known "In the Hall of the Mountain King."

Then, the HYSO takes the stage to perform Smetana's Three Dances from *The Bartered Bride*, with HYSO Conducting Apprentice **Amy Feng** of Pittsford conducting the Polka movement; two John Williams marches from *Superman* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*; and Tchaikovsky's charming and spirited Symphony No. 2. Max Bruch's *Kol Nidrei* for cello and orchestra takes its name from a recitation often performed at the evening service of Yom Kippur. The work has become a staple of cello literature, and its solemn and expressive nature is captured beautifully by soloist and concerto competition winner, **Joanna Frank** of Brighton.

HYSO Director Casey Springstead said that the work by Smetana was selected since he is a Czech composer. The HYSO will be taking it with them in honor of their visit to Prague on the HYSO tour of Germany and the Czech Republic in April. Springstead continues, "I always like doing at least one work from the movies because of the important role the symphony orchestra has in movie soundtracks and the kids love playing them." Tchaikovsky's Second Symphony is less often played than some of his other symphonies, Springstead said, "but no less charming or rigorous. The third movement is a speedy scherzo that teaches the musicians to play with a light touch."

A sophomore at Brighton High School, **Joanna Frank** has been playing the cello for 9 years and has been a member of the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra for the past 3 years. She studies with Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra musician Christopher Haritatos and plays in chamber groups at Eastman Community Music School.

Frank was selected as one of two winners of the **HYSO Concerto Competition** after a very competitive round of auditions in November. Special thanks to the HYSO Concerto Competition judges for their time and expertise: Terry Fonda Smith, Hochstein oboe faculty; Priscilla Yuen, Assistant Professor of Accompanying, Eastman School of Music; and Zexun (Jason) Shen, Cellist, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Daniel Kinney was the other Concerto Competition winner and will perform a movement from Séjourné's Marimba Concerto with the HYSO on May 8, 2022.

HYSO Conducting Apprentice **Amy Feng** is a senior at Pittsford Sutherland High School and in her seventh season playing with HYSO. As a cellist studying with Kathy Kemp since age 7, Feng has been the principal cellist of HYSO since 2019 and of the NYSSMA Junior High Area All-State Orchestra. She performed with the HYSO as a cello soloist in the Hochstein Centennial Orchestra concert in February 2020 as a winner of the HYSO Concerto Competition. Also a pianist studying with Elier Suarez since age 5, Feng was the Grand Prize winner of the 2021 Rochester Philharmonic League Young Artist Auditions and has earned top prizes in other competitions. She also plays cello in the Hochstein Saturday Scholarship String Quartet, which won the 2021 Youth Chamber Music Competition hosted by the Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music.

Photographs of the performers are available in this folder on Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4gOTOGVRYOhRHZGRzJ2eDVUTkE?resourcekey=0-fgqftceHiuNfAXp1Ly0PFQ>

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About Hochstein: The Hochstein School was founded in commemoration of genius and is dedicated to providing access to opportunity regardless of age, level of skill, ethnicity, or ability to

pay. Hochstein’s vibrant community of musicians, dancers, and supporters choose to come together to develop the ability to speak and communicate through music, dance, and expressive arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 3,500 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y. and continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low-cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall—and locations around our city—throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

CALENDAR LISTINGS

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Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony Concert

Saturday, February 12, 2022; 7:30 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; free

The Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony, directed by John Rolland, presents a winter concert of wind band music. Hochstein’s Youth Wind Symphony features wind, percussion, and brass players in grades 9–12. The ensemble meets for six weeks in January and February to prepare music for this concert. The program includes music by David Holsinger, Julie Giroux, Aaron Copland, Benjamin Taylor, and Jamie Texidor. The concert will also be live streamed on Hochstein’s YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/hochsteinschool>.

HYSO & Philharmonia in Concert

Sunday, February 13, 2022; 2:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall, 50 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester NY 14614; tickets at the door: \$5 general admission

Musicians from the 80-member Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO), directed by Casey Springstead, and Hochstein Philharmonia Orchestra (HPO), directed by John Fetter and Matt Osika, perform a joint concert. In the first half, HPO plays selections by Verdi and Grieg and music from *The Fellowship of the Ring*. Then the HYSO performs works by Smetana and Tchaikovsky and selections from John Williams’ music for *Superman* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Hochstein Concerto Competition winner Joanna Frank is featured in Bruch’s *Kol Nidrei* for cello and orchestra. HYSO member Amy Feng is Conductor Apprentice for this concert. The concert will also be live streamed on Hochstein’s YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/hochsteinschool>.

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